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PLANS FOR 1982
CONVENTION UNDER WAY

NEW ORLEANS -- Long before the minutes of the 66th General Convention of 1979 are finished, plans are being made for the 67th triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church's highest legislative body in 1982.

The 1982 meeting will be held in New Orleans, Sept. 6-15, using the facilities of the Rivergate convention and exhibition center and several nearby hotels. By action of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements -- which met here Jan. 28-29 -- the House of Deputies and the exhibitions will meet in the Rivergate while the House of Bishops will hold its sessions in the New Orleans Hilton Hotel across the street from the center.

The Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church will also be held at the Hilton. Committees of the two houses will use space in the Hilton and other nearby hotels, including the Marriott.

The Convention will open on Monday, Sept. 6, with a Eucharist at 11:30 a.m., following brief organizing sessions of the two houses at 9:30. The opening service will include the ingathering of the United Thank Offering. The Convention will close at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

The approved schedule calls for shortening the Convention by two days at the beginning and one day at the end.

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Members of the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements are: From the House of Bishops: Presiding Bishop John M. Allin; Bishop George M. Murray of Central Gulf Coast, vice president; Bishop Scott Field Bailey of West Texas, secretary; and Bishop William E. Sanders of Tennessee, chairman of dispatch of business committee; From the House of Deputies: Dr. Charles R. Lawrence of New York, president; Dean David B. Collins of Atlanta, vice president; the Hon. George T. Shields of Spokane, chairman of dispatch of business committee; From the General Convention: Canon James R. Gundrum of New York, executive officer of Convention and secretary of the House of Deputies; and Bob N. Wallace, General Convention manager; From the Diocese of Louisiana: Bishop James B. Brown.

About a dozen resource persons also attended the two-day meeting.

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